

Abstract

The diploma thesis *Sport as Local Cleavages: Case Study of Vysočina Region* analyses whether sport and sport related topics (sport financing and other support, organization of sports events, operation and building of sport facilities, association activities, etc.) are able to divide a society, or whether it can be one of the cleavages at the local level in the Vysočina Region and what intensity this cleavage could have in the examined municipalities. The theoretical part contains the concept of conflict lines of S. Rokkan and S. M. Lipset. The research put emphasis on the local level of politics, the Czech environment and the cleavage connected with a sport. Authors such as S. Balík, V. Bubeníček, J. Čmejrek, J. Čopík, V. Hloušek and M. Kubálek are dealing with these issues. The analytical part of the thesis is a case study that examines the presence of cleavage, its intensity and the approach of actors through both semi-structured interviews with representatives of selected municipalities, records of municipalities and as well through media news monitoring. Based on research it is obvious that sport could evoke and develop conflicts and, in some cases, can indeed significantly divide a society and establish a new local policy player.